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In re Application of  
Gilbert, et al.  
Application No. 09/981,565  
Filed: October 17, 2001  
Attorney Docket No.: CF/040  
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
BID/OFFER SPREAD TRADING

DECISION GRANTING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed June 20, 2002.

Petitioner has shown that the legal representative of deceased inventor Andrew C. Gilbert has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, petitioner has sufficiently established that the legal representative of the deceased inventor received the application papers and thereafter failed to execute the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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